Concessional tour package for students

2286. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to grant 50 per cent concession to students in packaged tours to historical places;

(b) if so, the details of the project to improve tourism among students; and

(c) what is the action-plan of Government to develop proper infrastructure to make the country a hub of tourist industry?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Development of Tourism infrastructure is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, the Department of Tourism provides financial assistance for tourism projects and has formulated the following three schemes for the development of tourist infrastructure in the country during the Tenth Plan:

(i) Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development.

(ii) Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits.

(iii) Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects.

Coastal areas as sex tourist sites

†2287. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the coastal areas of Goa, Chennai, Gujarat, West Bengal and Orissa are rapidly transforming into sex tourist sites;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what effective steps are being taken by Government to check the same; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir. The Department of Tourism promotes various parts of the country including coastal areas to attract tourists interested in beach and leisure tourism, adventure tourism, historical monuments, cultural tourism etc.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Promotion of tourism and culture in NE region

2288. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the projects on tourism and culture in different States of the North Eastern Region, that are run with assistance from the Central Government and by the State Government alone:

(b) how many of them are the existing projects and how many are to be set up newly; and

(c) the involvement of funds from the Central Government and from the State Government, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The Department of Tourism provides financial assistance for taking up tourism projects. This assistance is provided under scheme of Product Infrastructure and Destination Development and Intergrated Development of Tourist Circuits. Besides, Department of Tourism also provides financial assistance for tourism promotion activities in North East. The infrastructure projects after completion are managed by the State Government.

The number of centrally protected monuments under the control of Archaeological Survey of India are as follows:

State	No. of centrally protected monuments
Assam	49
Arunachal Pradesh	5
Manipur	1
Meghalaya	8
Nagaland	4
Tripura	5
Mizoram	Nil
Sikkim	3